

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT MAY GM WORK SESSION



FUNDING THE CAP

During the Town Hall tele-meeting on April 28, Senator Kiehl and Representative Hannon discussed the COVID-19 CARES Act funding. The state is asking the U.S. Treasury to clarify use of the funds that would allow for municipalities to supplement their budgets to account for losses in revenues such as sales and property taxes due to losses created by the impacts of the virus. The Governor has identified how he would like to spend the money, but the understanding at this time is that funds are to be used for “additional” costs to municipalities. It is hoped that by the time of the work session, further clarity will have been provided.

LIBRARY TO BE COVID-19 FUNDING ASSISTANCE CENTER

As of the drafting of this report, there have been no inquiries for assistance.



TRASH TALKING

There have been several recent instances where trash has been dumped around the community, including the Small Boat Harbor, the Beach, end of the road near the airport, and a trail off of Wilson Road. There have been comments that perhaps some folks can't afford to pay for the disposal. The DRC Manager has provided the fiscal impact of waiving the disposal fee for household waste for May and June.

DRC staff could monitor intake to ensure that the spirit of the effort is being met and that waste is consistent with the household material typical for this purpose. **Is the Council interested in waiving the disposal fee for household waste for the community in an attempt to eliminate dumping?**

	May	June
2018 Non-Recyclable	\$1,714.30	\$1,954.95
2018 Recyclable	\$1,782.92	\$1,913.57
Total	\$3,497.22	\$3,868.52
2019 Non-Recyclable	\$1,559.86	\$2,128.35
2019 Recyclable	\$1,758.12	\$2,165.99
Total	\$3,317.98	\$4,294.34

Another consideration would be looking at taking compostable food waste for free. Either just households, or both households and businesses. After the DRC Manager opened the compost sales this past Wednesday, he was reminded of the importance of compost for local food production. In addition, he acknowledged that there will be less food waste coming into the DRC this summer on account of Glacier Bay Lodge not operating its kitchen - so there will be less compost for next year as a result.

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As a pay-as-you-throw facility, receiving payment from in-flowing waste is the DRC's largest source of income.

The following is the DRC's quantities and revenue from food waste for 2018 and 2019.

	2018 pounds	charges	2019 pounds	charges
May	1,835	\$348.65	1,396	\$265.24
June	4,213	\$800.47	5,131	\$974.89

Notes:

- All weights DO NOT include Glacier Bay Lodge quantities (which more than double the numbers)
- Except for Glacier Bay Lodge, household and business quantities are not separable. Compost sales last year were about \$2,500 and this year they will probably be around \$2,000.

Would the Council be interested in taking compostable food waste for free? If so, for both households and businesses?



ECONOMIC STABILIZATION TEAM

A proposal to stand up a Gustavus COVID-19 Economic Stabilization Task Force to address the health and economic impacts of the virus is provided by Council member Warner for consideration.

Would the Council like to discuss?

REMOTE ONLINE SALES IS ONLINE

The City of Gustavus is going to be online with the Remote Sellers soon, probably by the time of the work session.